

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Karen Butchko on 10/8/08.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1 line 20 delete "e)" and insert --- f) ---

In claim 1 line 21 delete "e1)" and insert --- f1) ---

In claim 1 line 25 delete "e2)" and insert --- f2) ---

In claim 1 line 28 delete "e3)" and insert --- f3) ---

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In claim 1 line 30 delete "f)" and insert "g"

In claim 1 line 20 after "80%; and" insert --- e) separating the purified lactide from the step d1) and the at least first residual fraction from the step d2); and ---

In claim 3 line 19 delete "e)" and insert --- f) ---

In claim 3 line 21 delete "e1)" and insert --- f1) ---

In claim 3 line 25 delete "e2)" and insert --- f2) ---

In claim 3 line 28 delete "e3)" and insert --- f3) ---

In claim 3 line 18 after "80%; and" insert --- e) separating the purified lactide from the step d1) and the at least first residual fraction from the step d2); and ---